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At the beginning of the week prices were generally higher to occasionally unchanged throughout the country. During the week prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was generally light to moderate, instances good, with retail promotion activity generating the better movement. Supplies of all sizes were adequate. Nest run breaking stock prices continued unchanged. Offerings were adequate. Most breakers were keeping floor stocks in a closely balanced to adequate position. Trade sentiment steady to about steady. Light type fowl were adequate for current needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	93-95	85-87	59-61
New York	73-75	70-73	53-56
Philadelphia	70-73	68-71	51.5-53
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	64-65	62.5-64	45-46
Jackson (1)	74-75	71-72	54-55
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-85	69-83	52-66
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	63-68	62-67	45-50
Detroit (2)	60-63	59-62	41-44
Major Ohio Cities (2)	61-66	60-64	42-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	64-67	62-69	45-52
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	79-81	75-78	58-61
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	99	95	81

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	71.65	69.28	52.99
SOUTHERN	68.18	66.04	48.69
MIDWEST	61.72	60.48	44.05
WESTERN	90.62	85.13	63.69
TWELVE METRO AREAS	75.93	72.70	54.38

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	04-04-00	03-28-00	04-06-99
Large	43-45	40-42	37-39
Medium	27-29	25-27	22-24

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Apr 03, 2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.7	17.5	4.1	17.4	56.4
	Change	0.7	1.9	-0.1	3.1	11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	36.4	40.6	10.5	37.5	156.0
	Change	6.2	1.4	-2.1	8.2	11%
Large	Curr Wk	87.4	139.6	64.5	97.6	500.9
	Change	13.4	30.7	18.2	22.1	27%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.7	29.3	14.9	20.9	106.7
	Change	2.1	-4.9	1.6	2.9	4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	5.8	3.9	8.0	27.5
	Change	-0.2	-0.2	1.5	-0.6	9%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	13.2	9.0	18.0	50.9
	Change	0.1	-2.3	-0.4	3.1	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	38.2	65.9	22.0	31.8	199.8
	Change	-0.4	-13.6	5.7	-0.4	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	195.2	311.9	128.9	231.2	1098.2
Percent	Change	13%	4%	23%	20%	13%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1098.2	13%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	418.8	-5%	40
Total Shell Egg	1517.0	7%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 167 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-APR-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.	
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK			
C W	1,111,188	26,487	10,284	5,529	2,245	4,099	
P W	1,109,586	26,540	9,986	5,438	2,292	3,631	
LY	1,012,108	22,812	10,261	5,776	2,655	3,255	
% PW	0	0	3	2	-2	13	
% LY	10	16	0	-4	-15	26	
2000	14,685,542	331,179	147,572	80,689	38,421	48,989	
1999	13,413,711	306,007	131,451	72,915	33,318	42,310	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -							
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST				
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR				
	41.76	41.09	41.60				

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 01-APR-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
	(IN THOUS)	PREVIOUS	LAST
		WEEK	YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	229.1	3	-3
E.N. CENTRAL	537.4	1	14
W.N. CENTRAL	273.6	1	-1
S. ATLANTIC	202.3	2	-6
S. CENTRAL	81.3	2	1
WEST	194.7	-2	-25
TOTAL	1,518.4	1	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	15 Selected States		in 15 Selected States	
	MAR 25	APR 01	MAR 25	APR 01
	Thousand			
AL	*28,614	28,920	*20,970	21,785
AR	30,408	29,139	24,188	24,761
DE	*4,083	4,447	*4,444	4,720
FL	2,717	2,892	2,544	2,486
GA	*32,279	32,198	*25,531	25,886
MD	*8,771	8,718	*6,891	5,858
MS	18,481	18,496	*14,502	15,478
NC	17,901	18,192	13,895	14,004
PA	*3,687	3,739	*2,934	2,811
SC	4,909	4,930	4,416	3,956
TX	14,444	14,464	11,576	11,413
VA	6,763	6,604	5,394	6,037
CA, TN, & WV	11,465	11,767	*10,081	10,748
15 State Total	*184,522	184,506	*147,366	149,943
Previous Year	182,901	181,878	146,241	146,244
Pct. of Prev.	101	101	101	103

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 13-May-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 157.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 156.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 156.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.83 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-

WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 03/30/00-04/05/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	47.50	52.25	47.33	49.71	—	—	40.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 3	—	40.00	—	—	34.31	35.86	10.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	21.70	23.40	5.00
GL W XL	—	—	55.30	57.94	54.42	—	12.00
GL W LG	—	61.00	57.25	57.50	54.55	—	17.00
GL W MD	—	39.25	33.95	36.91	33.19	—	14.75
GL W SM	22.00	23.50	19.90	21.90	—	—	6.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	3.00
NRBS - 42	30.00	31.00	—	—	—	—	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 01-APR-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PERCENT CHG	
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.5	27.2	-3	-12
BOSTON	2.8	2.1	33	-47
CHICAGO	35.8	43.1	-17	-58
DETROIT	22.4	32.2	-30	-52
KANSAS CITY	3.9	3.8	3	-15
LOS ANGELES	88.3	92.0	-4	-32
NEW ORLEANS	10.7	10.0	7	-39
NEW YORK	38.7	39.5	-2	-23
ST. LOUIS	16.7	14.0	19	-1
SAN FRANCISCO	22.3	22.1	1	-22
TOTAL	268.1	286.0	-6	-35
4 WK MVG AVG	293.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

Week Ending 25-MAR-00

	YOUNG(A)	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	5,261	97	17	5,375
AVG WT	26.88	28.44	31.24	27.40
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	4,680	12	44	4,736
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,462	38	33	4,533
AVG WT	26.42	25.79	25.06	26.40
TO-DATE/2000	54,537	170	416	55,123
TO-DATE/1999	54,681	205	360	55,246
(A) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.				

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 25-MAR-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR		
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	—THOUSAND	HEAD	WT
N EAST	676	-50	21.99	NONE	NONE	676 21.99
S ATL	635	7	29.08	(A)	(A)	636 29.13
N CENT	3,088	69	29.92	(A)	(A)	3,102 29.92
S CENT	657	9	22.04	NONE	NONE	657 22.04
WEST	292	-2	22.26	(A)	(A)	304 21.74
U.S. TOTAL	5,348(B)	11	27.43	10	17	5,375 27.40
TO DATE						
2000	54,588(B)			119	416	55,123
TO DATE						
1999	50,386(B)			0	360	55,246

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 97,000 for the year 170,000; last year to date 205,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-APR-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
THOUSANDS					
HEAD	156,244(A)	1,911	1,314	3,225	433
AVG WT	4.97	3.56	7.69	5.24	6.40
LAST WEEK	155,206	2,046	1,483	3,529	407
SAME WEEK YR AGO	144,575	2,271	1,345	3,616	407
AVG WT	5.00	3.35	7.78	5.00	6.81
TO-DATE/2000	1,998,338	26,292	17,769	44,061	5,887
TO-DATE/1999	1,945,493	28,005	17,298	45,303	5,981

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.1 million head or 5.2 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Apr-00

	CURRENT WEEK 04/08/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/01/00
THOUSAND HEAD		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	156,511(2)	155,808
LT HENS	2,021	1,877
HVY HENS	1,414	1,378
CHECK TOTAL	159,946	159,063

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Apr-00 is 150.5 million head compared to 149.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.4 million head or 7.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 15-Apr-00 the estimated available is 149.4 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

	MILLION HEAD		MILLION HEAD		
WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
FEBRUARY	26 154.1	152.7	101	4.97	
MARCH	4 156.8	153.3	102	5.20	
	11 157.0	153.8	102	4.89	
	18 150.2	153.3	98	5.11	
	25 157.1	153.4	102	5.08	
APRIL	1 158.1	152.9	103	4.97	
YEAR TO DATE	2,022.7	1,971.5	103		
APRIL	8 150.5				
	15 149.4				

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
03-Apr-00	27-Mar-00	27-Mar-00	05-Apr-99	
54.35	-0.40	54.75	53.62	

NUMBER OF LOADS 699

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 04/03/00-04/08/00.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.49	46	48.32	79
Los Angeles	62.00	61.13	61	59.92	125
New York	48.00-51.00	49.42	43	52.97	76

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	67	67.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	62-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-63	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 3-Apr-00	3,920	124,850	78,991
AM 1-Mar-00	4,561	112,828	78,929
CHG	-641	12022	62
PCT CHG	-14	11	0
Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 29, 2000 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2000 are:			
FROZEN EGGS	10 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.99 PCT	
TURKS	386 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.01 PCT	
POP	798 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.96 PCT	

HEN MARKETS

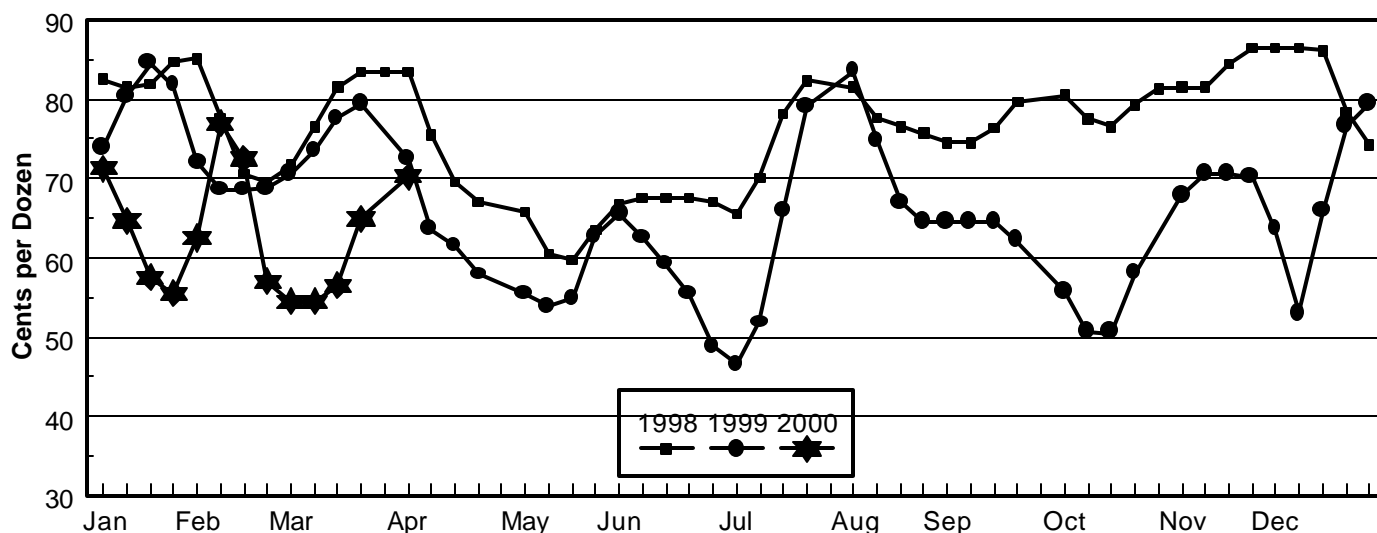
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
04/03/00			
Southeast	7-16.5(1)	8.25-11	10.54
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8-19.5(1)	10-12	11.19
03/31/00			
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)		
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

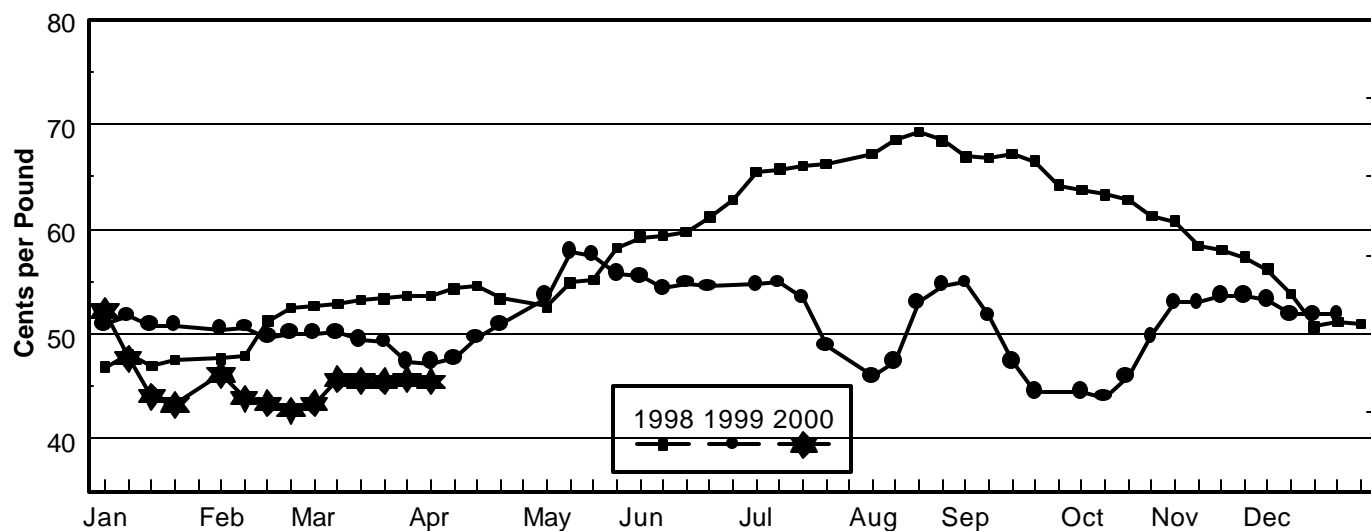
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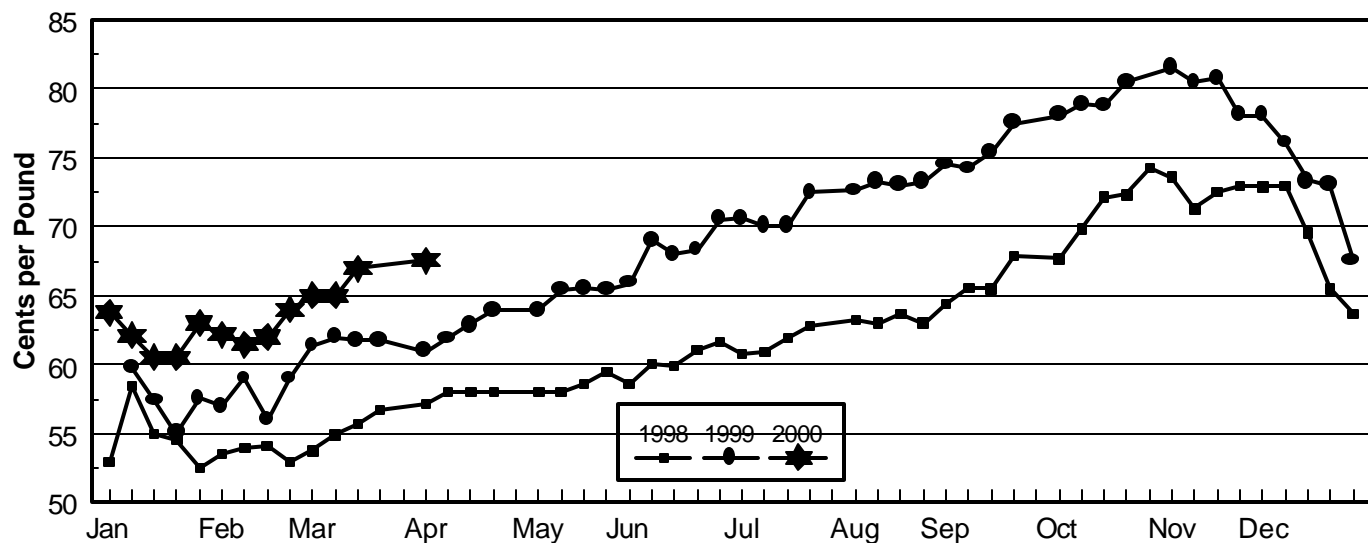
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.